

Improve chemical dependency and meth treatment outcomes through expanded community treatment.		Agency/Program #: 69010-33-17
		Division: Addictive & Mental Disorders
		Program: Chemical Dependency Serv
Agency Name:	Department of Public Health and Human Services	
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Program or Project Description:

The Chemical Dependency Services program provides community chemical dependency treatment and prevention services throughout Montana. The program contracts with 19 state-approved programs, purchases a full range of services, and funds an education program for DUI offenders. The program also funds substance abuse prevention activities.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund	2,000,000	1,859,155	2,000,000	1,974,964
State Special				
Federal Funds				
Total:	\$2,000,000	\$1,859,155	\$2,000,000	\$1,974,964

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of June 30, 2009.

Goal(s):

Improve chemical dependency and meth treatment outcomes through expanded community treatment.

Performance Measures :

By 2008, expand community based residential services by 7 homes which provide best practice substance abuse treatment.

By 2008, develop, implement and monitor measurable performance standards that include development of baseline data in these areas:

Increase in the length of time of non-use.

Decrease in the incidence of involvement with the criminal justice system.

Decrease in the admissions to inpatient treatment.

Increase in the length of gainful employment.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:

		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	Developed and released RFP to expand community based residential services by 7 homes which provide best practice substance abuse treatment.	11/30/2007	10/12/2007
2	Review submitted RFP's with Department of Administration & prepare final findings.	11/15/2007	11/5/2007
3	Developed, posted and filled 1 FTE position to oversee the project.	12/31/2007	11/14/2007
4	Negotiate and finalize the final contract with the awarded contractor for the Residential Treatment Expansion Consortium.	1/1/2008	12/24/2007
5	The first of seven state-funded residential meth treatment facilities, White Birch Center, operated by Rimrock Foundation began accepting clients beginning on January 3rd.	1/31/2008	1/3/2008
6	Four of the seven state-funded residential meth treatment facilities were open by April 15, 2008.	6/30/2008	4/15/2008

Performance Report:

Of those who were admitted (n=94) in FY09:

1. 71% have had an increase in the length of time non-use.
2. 65% have had a decrease in the incidences of involvement with the criminal justice system (7 have been revoked and incarcerated).
3. 80% have had a decrease admissions to inpatient treatment.
4. 62% have had an increase in the length of gainful employment (12 of 94 were not in the workforce-students and/or on SSI).

LFD Narrative:

LFD ASSESSMENT - Progress report needed

DATA RELEVANCE - Data was provided. However, there are no measures to help legislators evaluate performance. For instance, DPHHS reports that 71% of persons served had an increase in the length of time of non-use. It is not known how long the increase in non-use was. The legislature may evaluate the effect of the program differently depending on whether the length of non-use was a couple of weeks compared to a year. LFD staff has requested that DPHHS provide numeric data so that legislators can more easily evaluate the results of this initiative.

APPROPRIATION STATUS - Appropriation and expenditure data were provided.

OPTIONS - There are several options.

1. This initiative could be "retired" from further review.
2. The LFC could request that DPHHS provide data to help gauge the effectiveness of the program.
3. The LFC could ask that DPHHS provide measures for FY 2010 to be reviewed by the LFC at its October 2010 meeting. The workgroup could request that the appropriations subcommittee review the outcome measures for this program during the 2011 session.

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